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SUBJ: UK REPORTS EXPULSION FROM USSR

REF: MOSCOW 4899

1. AT MAY 3 NATO COUNSELORS MEETING, UK COUNS CARGLEDGE REPORTED THAT SOVIETS HAD PROTESTED EARLIER IN DAY BEHAVIOR OF UK TOURISTS, MAJORITY OF WHOM WERE APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN INCIDENTS REPORTED REFTEL, AND ALL OF WHOM WERE EXPELLED FROM USSR. TOTAL OF 21 WERE EXPELLED IN THREE SEPARATE INCIDENTS: ONE MAN FOR DISTRIBUTING RELIGIOUS LITERATURE IN LENINGRAD ON APRIL 30; SEVENTEEN FOR TRYING TO TRAVEL FROM KALININ TO MOSCOW; AND THREE IN RED SQUARE INCIDENT ON MAY 1. WHILE MFA DID NOT PROVIDE UK EMBASSY WITH TEXT OF ORAL PROTEST, LANGUAGE APPEARED TO BE VERY SIMILAR TO THAT CITED REFTEL.

2. UK COUNSELOR REMARKED ON EVIDENT SOVIET EFFORT TO HANDLE INCIDENTS IN LOW- KEY WHILE NOTING THAT UK TOURISTS COULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS. UK EMBASSY REGARDS RECENT INCIDENTS AS INDICATION OF GROWING PROBLEM WHICH SOVIETS WILL FACE IF THERE IS EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT
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IN CSCE.

3. UK EMBASSY IS CONCERNED THAT REPORT OF INCIDENT DOES NOT
REACH THE PRESS. WE ARE ALREADY BEING QUERIED, HOWEVER, ON
KALININ ASPECT OF INCIDENT BASED APPARENTLY ON REPORTS
ISSUED BY EXPELLEES FROM HELSINKI.
WE ARE CONFINING
OURSELVES TO ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FACT THAT EMBASSY TRIED TO
CONTACT AMERICANS IN KALININ BEFORE THEY WERE EXPELLED; IF
ASKED, THAT WE RECEIVED A LOW- KEY PROTEST AND HAVE INFORMED
THE DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD PLAN TO CONFIRM EXPULSIONS IN
CONNECTION WITH INCIDENTS ON RED SQUARE AND FACT OF SOVIET
PROTEST, ONLY IF DIRECTLY QUERIED.
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